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1. There are attached for Headquarters and Vienna single copies of [] B [] report 2171 of 29 April 1955 concerning Operation VENUS. Referenced cables noted that "Peter" had been introduced by Zoltan KOVACS to Gabor FUEREDI.
2. The attached report contains, in resume, the following points:
 - a. "Peter" and KOVACS met at 1515 behind the Theatre de la Monnaie on 14 April 1955. They then went to the Cafe Piedboeuf-Bourse which is located on the rue Marché aux Poulets.
 - b. "Peter" was presented to FUEREDI. "Peter"'s impressions are briefly noted in an attachment to the [] B [] report.
 - c. "Peter" reported separately to KOVACS and then later to FUEREDI on latest developments in General ZAKO's plans for a Hungarian brigade in Belgium. Both KOVACS and FUEREDI indicated having collateral knowledge of ZAKO's plans not only for Belgium but also for other areas. KOVACS specifically stated that the AVH has precise information on the ZAKO organization's work in Spain. (This statement, if true, indicates obviously that the AVH has a source within the organization in Spain. However, FUEREDI's statement on the size of the effort in that country seems to [] to be based on exaggerated information.) In view of the small Hungarian colony in

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Spain, the task of identifying ZAKO's man and possibly eventually the informant should not be impossible to achieve. The desk may desire to alert [redacted]

- d. FUEREDI stated that SZILAGYI (fnu) heads the ZAKO organizational effort in Germany. FUEREDI instructed "Peter" to determine who handles the work in England. In France, according to FUEREDI, the person responsible is PECSELY. FUEREDI added that the MHBK in France is really not run by PECSELY but by ALMASSY (fnu), BEREZSNAY (fnu) and BETHLEN (fnu). He noted as well that the "Special Service" of the MHBK in France is once again functioning. In Paris it is headed by BEREZSNAY while in the provinces GYORFFY (fnu) in Strasbourg and PUPOS (fnu) in the Moselle are responsible. Informants in Paris include the actor KUTI (fnu) and KISS. The Hungarians LOVASZ, BAK and GACSER were also commented upon by FUEREDI.
- e. FUEREDI indicated an interest in recruiting Ferenc EROSS for the purpose of sending him to the United States.
- f. FUEREDI thinks that the Abbé DOBAY (fnu) might be of value to the Hungarians in the projection of films in the town of Eidsen.
- g. In stating that the Center is pleased in general with "Peter"'s work, FUEREDI noted that he agrees with "Peter"'s estimate that the Hungarian emigre organizations as such are not of great interest themselves but their chiefs are, which makes it necessary for the AVH to know about the organizations in detail.
- h. FUEREDI gave "Peter" certain explicit instructions with regard to questions which the latter should ask ZAKO (see bottom of page four of the attachment)

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- i. In speaking of the recent purges in Hungary, KOVACS stated that NAGY will become a university professor. FUEREDI was surprised, saying that he thought that NAGY would get another post in the government. When KOVACS maintained his point, FUEREDI said, "You should know better (than I)."
- j. FUEREDI asked for information on HALMAY (fmu) and boasted that he knows what HALMAY is up to, noting that it was HALMAY who claimed to have succeeded in the DEMY-GERO affair in Vienna and to expect to have another success soon. (The reference to the Vienna affair is not clear [])
- k. FUEREDI explained at length (page five) the manner in which he will maintain contact with "Peter". The next meeting was set for 21 April at 1800 hours near the Bourse.

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